

PREPARE FOR THE CLEANUP!

- Put out materials **no more than two days before** your scheduled pick-up.
- Set materials **at the curb before 7 a.m.** on your curbside pick-up day.
- **Trucks will go through only once** on your scheduled day. If you miss the curbside pick-up, call your trash hauler who will pick up your refuse for a fee.
- **Seniors or residents who are disabled:** Unable to handle the materials? Contact your Neighborhood Watch block captains – or call the Human Services Information Line for volunteer availability, 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

SCHEDULE

Location	Regular trash day is:	Curbside pickup is Saturday:
East of Portland	Monday	April 17
Portland to Penn	Tuesday	April 24
Penn to France	Wednesday	May 1
France to Normandale	Thursday	May 8*
West of Normandale	Friday	May 22

* Please note date change.

QUESTIONS?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL RECYCLING AT 952-563-8750.

ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

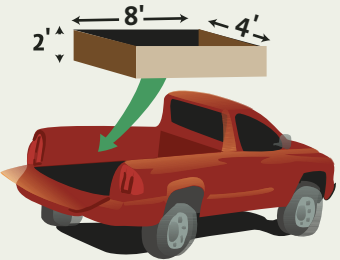
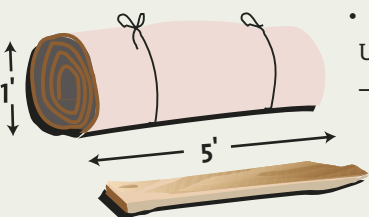
- **General junk:** Boxed or bundled – under 100 pounds per item. No scrap metal or household trash, such as food.
- **Appliances:** Water heaters, microwaves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, etc. Limit TWO appliances per house. For appliance pick-up, call 952-930-1828 by 4:30 p.m., the Friday before pick-up date.



- **Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter – larger rolls are hard to handle.
- **Larger scrap metal ONLY:** Office desks, clothesline poles, swing sets are examples of large scrap metal. Remove wood, rubber, cement - all nonmetal materials. NO cast iron tubs or items over 150 pounds. Take items that fit into an automobile to the Hennepin County Problem Facility for recycling. *See box below.*

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- **Unusable furniture:** Disassemble hide-a-way sofa beds so they cannot open during handling.
- **Mattresses/box springs.**
- **Construction materials, lumber, windows and doors:** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. Bend nails. NO railroad ties. NO contractor materials.
- **BUNDLED brush:** Branches smaller than four inches in diameter and five feet in length. Includes buckthorn. For more on buckthorn, *see page 7.*



OPTIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE CURB

HENNEPIN COUNTY PROBLEM WASTE AND RECYCLING FACILITY
1400 West 96th Street, 612-348-3777

TU, TH, F 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
W 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
SA 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NEW! Now accepting non-refillable propane/butane cylinders at no charge.
• **Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, solvents and other household chemicals.



- **Tires and batteries.**
- **Electronic goods:** TVs, computers, stereos.
- **Recyclable materials:** Bottles, cans, paper.
- **Gas-powered, refrigeration appliances:** Camper/other fridges, air conditioners – call ahead, 612-348-5832.
- **Small scrap metal** that fit into a car trunk.

BURNSVILLE LANDFILL
952-890-3248

- Concrete/bricks.
- Porcelain: Tubs, sinks.
- Shingles (No asbestos).

NSP COMPOSTING
Burnsville, 952-736-1915
• Leaves, grass clippings, sod.
• Stumps, logs.

Earth Action Heroes protect the earth. Whether it's saving energy or guarding Bloomington's precious natural resources, these individuals are making a difference. Here are your neighbors in action ...



EARTH ACTION HEROES
KIM AND STEVE, THE “SHORELINE RESTORATION DUO”

IN 1997, KIM AND STEVE MOVED INTO their home located along the shore of one of Bloomington's ponds. Wanting to spruce up the backyard, they attended a seminar on how to landscape for wildlife and water quality. Doing all the work themselves, the couple began landscaping with various plantings that not only enhance the beauty of their backyard, but also reduce mowing. Along the shoreline they let the native grasses grow, creating a natural buffer. “A natural buffer stops erosion,” Kim said. “It protects water bodies from pollutants that can run off lawns and it also provides a habitat for wildlife.” The couple cares for their yard by pulling weeds by hand and using organic fertilizer.

“We found that chemical fertilizer doesn't have the staying power of organic fertilizer,” Steve said. “Our lawn stays green because it is healthy and we use no chemicals that can pollute the pond.” Kim and Steve said although landscaping can be a lot of work, they have a beautiful yard for their efforts. They feel that there are many advantages to protecting the pond. “We get so much enjoyment from the variety of colors and from the birds, butterflies and other wildlife that the native grasses and plants attract,” Kim said. “It also feels great to know that you're doing the right thing.” **Keep up the good work, Kim and Steve!**

PROTECT OUR RIVERS AND

USE PHOSPHORUS-FREE LAWN FERTILIZER

TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WATER bodies, the State Legislature and City of Bloomington restrict the use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus. Excessive phosphorus in lawn fertilizer and from other sources, such as leaves and grass clippings that are swept into streets, can enter storm water runoff and degrade the quality of nearby water bodies. Purchase phosphorus-free fertilizer or verify that your lawn care service does not use fertilizer that contains phosphorus. For more information, call 952-563-4867.

How can you tell if the fertilizer you purchase is phosphorus-free? Check the middle number on the bag – it should be zero.

